

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, and 12-13 remain in this application. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claim 9 is amended to overcome the § 112 rejection.

Claims 6 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This application is amended according to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 11, to be in condition for allowance.

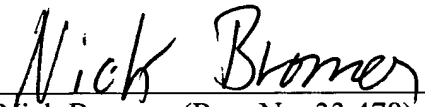
Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11 have been canceled, and claim 1 incorporates the limitations recited in claims 2, 3, 5 and 6, so that claim 1 should be allowable. Claims 4 and 7-8 depend from claim 1, and should also be allowable.

Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations recited in Claims 10 and 11, thus should be allowable. Claims 12 and 13 depend from Claim 9 and should also be allowable. It is therefore earnestly requested that the present application, as a whole, receive favorable consideration and that all of the claims be allowed in their present form.

Respectfully submitted,

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